GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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MOU SIGNED WITH AUSTRALIA ON TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Tourism has been signed between Australia and India recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir. A Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia on cooperation in the field of tourism was signed on 2.4.2002 in New Delhi

(b): The salient features of the Memorandum of Understanding are:

i. expansion of tourism relations between the two countries with a view to better knowledge of each other`s history, culture and way of life;

ii. to encourage cooperation between official tourism bodies, enterprises, associations, organizations, tour operators, travel agents, hotel chains and institutions in the field of tourism of both countries;

iii. to encourage consultations between government, training institutions and industry groups in thefield of tourism in both countries to enable wide ranging cooperation between these groups;

iv. to encourage investment enterprises in the field of tourism, in accordance with their internal legislation;

v. to facilitate their travel procedures in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in their countries, in order to further develop tourist traffic between the two countries;

vi. to facilitate the import and export of materials and documents for publicity including tourist information and publicity materials, films and exhibition materials, free from customs duty to the extent provided for by the internal law of the country into which the said materials areimported;

vii. to exchange information, know-how and experience on their tourism resources, management of hotels or other types of accommodation;

viii. to share the experience, know-how and information about the development, management and promotion of special interest tourism areas such as ecotourism and regional tourism development in their respective countries for mutual benefit;

ix. to facilitate exchange and visits of Cultural Troupes, Artisans, Chefs and other persons relevant to tourism promotion for giving performances, demonstrations in order to promote culture, crafts and cuisine and attract tourists to each others respective countries;

x. to facilitate the establishment of a Working Group made up of equal number of representatives of both countries for the implementation of this agreement to which the members of the private tourism sector may also be included for achieving the goals.